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1. WELCOME HOME.
2. BACKGROUND NOTES (STATE 47747). FOLLOWING SUGGESTED CHANGES TO BACKGROUND NOTES OF JULY 1975 ARE KEYED TO PAGE NUMBERS OF THAT DOCUMENT, WHICH SHOULD BE REPRINTED AS IS EXCEPT AS SUGGESTED HERE.

3. PROFILE (P. 1). NEW TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

GEOGRAPHY. AREA: 91,699 SQ. MI. (SOMEWHAT SMALLER THAN N.Y. AND PA. COMBINED). PERIMETER: LAND 1,845 MI. SEA 140 MI. CAPITAL: BUCHAREST (POP. 1.9 MILLION). OTHER CITIES: CONSTANTA (290,226), IASI (284,308). TIMISOARA (282,691), CLUJ-NAPOCA (262,421), BRASOV (262,041).

PEOPLE. POPULATION: 21.7 MILLION (1977 EST.). ANNUAL GROWTH RATE: .9 PERCENT. DENSITY: 236 PER SQ. MI. ETHNIC GROUPS: ROMANIANS (88.1 PERCENT), MAGYARS (7.9 PERCENT), GERMANS (1.6 PERCENT), JEWS, UKRANIANS, SERBS, CROATS, RUSSIANS, TURKS. RELIGIONS: ORTHODOX (80 PERCENT), ROMAN CATHOLIC (9 PERCENT), CALVINIST, LUTHERAN, JEWISH. LANGUAGES: ROMANIAN, HUNGARIAN, GERMAN. LITERACY: 98 PERCENT. LIFE EXPECTANCY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(1973-75): 69.3 YRS. (MALES); 71.8 YRS. (FEMALES).

GOVERNMENT. AS BEFORE, EXCEPT AFTER "40 COUNTIES (INCLUDES CITY OF BUCHAREST," ADD: "SUFFRAGE: UNIVERSAL (18 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE) AND COMPULSORY."

ECONOMY. NATIONAL INCOME: \$33.3 BILLION (1976). ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF NATIONAL INCOME: 10.5 PERCENT (1976). NATIONAL INCOME PER CAPITA: \$1,560 (1976).

AGRICULTURE: AS BEFORE, EXCEPT: LABOR, 36 PERCENT OF TOTAL FORCE.

INDUSTRY: AS BEFORE, EXCEPT: LABOR, 40 PERCENT OF TOTAL FORCE.

NATURAL RESOURCES: AS BEFORE.

TRADE: EXPORTS: \$7.02 BILLION (1977): FOODSTUFFS, LUMBER, FUEL, MANUFACTURES. IMPORTS: \$7.02 BILLION (1977): MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, ROLLED STEEL, IRON ORE, COKE AND COKING COAL, COTTON. PARTNERS: SOVIET UNION, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

EXCHANGE RATES: OFFICIAL - U.S. \$1 EQUALS 4.97 LEI

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MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: U.N. AND MOST OF ITS PECIALIZED AGENCIES, COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (COMECON), WARSAW PACT, GATT, DANUBE COMMISSION, INTERPOL.

4. GEOGRAPHY. P.1. UNDER PEOPLE. FIRST PARA, FIFTH FROM LAST LINE: REPLACE "FIRST AND SECOND" BY SECOND AND THIRD."
P. 2. FIRST LINE, REPLACE "TRANSYLVANIA" BY "BUCHAREST." FIRST FULL PARA, TENTH LINE, REPLACE "HUNGARY" BY "AUSTRIA-HUNGARY." FIRST FULL PARA, LAST TWO SENTENCES, BEGINNING "THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT," REPLACE BY TWO PARAS:

-- THE OFFICIAL ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY TOWARD THE NATIONAL MINORITIES IS NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND ALLOWS THEM A DEGREE OF CULTURAL AUTONOMY, WHILE INSISTING ON THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY AND PROVIDING FOR COMPULSORY STUDY OF ROMANIAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN ADDITION TO THE MINORITY LANGUAGES.

-- THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SURVIVING WORLD WAR II HAS BEEN REDUCED PERHAPS NINE-TENTHS OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES BY EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. IN RECENT YEARS, UP TO 10,000 OF THE NEARLY 400,000 ETHNIC GERMANS IN ROMANIA HAVE EMIGRATED ANNUALLY TO THE FRG. SINCE WORLD WAR II THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC HUNGARIANS TO HUNGARY.

BEGIN LAST PARA: "RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE IN ROMANIA HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN EXTENSIVE, AND."

5. HISTORY. P. 2. FIRST PARA, LINE 1, REPLACE "23" BY "22".
LINE 5, REPLACE "TO THE PRESENT DAY" BY "TO MODERN TIMES."
P. 3. REPLACE FIRST AND SECOND FULL SENTENCES, BEGINNING "IN 1948," BY "IN 1948, THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND SOVIET INSTITUTIONS SUPPLANTED THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND OTHER WESTERN INFLUENCES IN ROMANIAN CULTURAL LIFE. SINCE THE LATE 1960'S, HOWEVER, RUSSIAN HAS NOT BEEN COMPULSORY, AND ENGLISH AND FRENCH ARE WIDELY TAUGHT IN THE SCHOOLS." FIRST FULL PARA:
--LINE 5, DELEGE "YOUNG," AND REPLACE "1947" BY "1938;"
--LINE 10, AFTER "SUFFRAGE," INSERT PRESENT LAST SENTENCE, BEGINNING "A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY;"
--LINE 10, REPLACE SENTENCE BETWEEN "IN THE 1930'S" WITH "IN

THE 1930'S, AN ANTI-SEMITIC, ANTI-SOVIET, FASCIST IRON GUARD MOVEMENT THREATENED THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS TAKEN OVER IN 1940-41 BY THE AUTHORITARIAN GENERAL ANTONESCU. IN JUNE 1941 ROMANIA ENTERED WORLD WAR II ON THE SIDE OF THE AXIS POWERS."

SECOND FULL PARA:

--LINES 3-4, REPLACE "IRON GUARD" BY "ANTONESCU;"

--LINES 6-7, DELETE "IN ADVANCE;"

--LINE 11, AFTER "CZECHOSLOVAKIA," AND ", AND ROMANIA, WHICH SUFFERED EXTENSIVE LOSSES IN THE WAR AGAINST THE USSR, INCURRED FURTHER HEAVY CASUALTIES;"

--LINES 13-14, DELETE "AND ENTERED INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1947;"

--LINES 17-18, REPLACE "AFTER...ROMANIA" BY "IN 1940;"

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--LINES 23-24, DELETE "THE SECOND VIENNA AWARD IMPOSED BY;"

--LINE 26, AFTER "HUNGARY" ADD COMMA; AND

--LINE 27, DELETE "PAYMENTS OF."

THIRD FULL PARA:

--LINES 6-8, DELETE "WHICH CALLED FOR ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR;"

--LAST SENTENCE BEGINNING "ON APRIL 22, 1964," ALTER TO READ: "INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND A SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT IN ROMANIA'S FOREIGN POLICY, HAS RESULTED."

LAST FULL PARA, FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "FEBRUARY."

6. GOVERNMENT. PP. 3-4, REPLACE FOURTH THROUGH SIXTH PARAS, ON GNA, WITH FOLLOWING TWO PARAS:

--THE GNA IS CONSTITUTIONALLY CHARGED WITH ELECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THE SUPREME COURT, THE CHIEF PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ITS OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS INCLUDE AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION, REORGANIZING THE BUREAUCRACY AND GRANTING AMNESTIES. THE GNA FOLLOWS PARTY POLICY ON ALL THESE MATTERS.

--THE BULK OF LEGISLATIVE WORK IS PERFORMED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE, A PERMANENT BODY OF 28 MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE GNA, WHICH ACTS WHEN THE ASSEMBLY IS NOT IN SESSION. THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF A PRESIDENT, THREE VICE-PRESIDENTS, 23 MEMBERS AND A SECRETARY. ITS PRESIDENT IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, WHO WAS ELECTED TO THIS POSITION, AS THE COUNTRY'S FIRST PRESIDENT, IN MARCH 1974. THE COUNCIL OF STATE HAS THE POWER TO ISSUE DECREES WITH FORCE OF LAW.

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SEVENTH FULL PARA, DELETE "(PRESENTLY SEVEN)."
TENTH AND ELEVENTH FULL PARAS, ON JUDICIARY FUNCTIONS AND
SUPREME COURT, REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING TWO PARAS:
-- AS DEFINED BY THE CONSTITUTION, THE FUNCTIONS OF THE JUD-
ICIARY ARE LIMITED TO "DEFENDING THE SOCIALIST ORDER AND PER-
SONAL RIGHTS, EDUCATING CITIZENS TO THE RESPECT OF LAW,"
AND, BY APPLYING SANCTIONS. "REEDUCATING LAWBREAKERS AND PRE-
VENTING THE COMMISSION OF NEW INFRACTIONS." A NEW PANEL CLE
WILL (1) REMOVE MISDEMEANORS FROM THE COURT SYSTEM, (2)
REDUCE PUNISHMENTS FOR FELONIES, (3) REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CRIMES
PUNISHABLE BY DEATH FROM 28 TO FIVE AND EXEMPT ALTOGETHER YOUTH
AND SOME WOMEN AND (4) CREATE WORKERS' JUDICIAL COUNCILS TO
HANDLE 40 TO 50 PERCENT OF CASES PREVIOUSLY REQUIRING
COURT APPEARANCE.
--NONE OF THE COURTS -- THE SUPREME COURT, THE COUNTRY COURTS,
THE PEOPLES' COURTS, ETC.-- HAS AUTHORITY TO REVIEW THE CON-
STITUTIONALITY OF LAWS. THE SUPREME COURT GUARANTEES UNIFORM-
ITY OF PROCEDURES BY SUPERVISION AND DECISION IN PROCED-
URAL MATTERS. IT IS ELECTED ANEW BY EACH GNA AND IS RESPONSIBLE
TO IT
AND, BETWEEN SESSIONS, TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE. THEORETICALLY,
JUDGES AND ASSESSORS (LAY JUDGES) ARE INDEPENDENT AND SUB-
JECT ONLY TO THE LAW.
TWELFTH FULL PARA, LAST SENTENCE, DELETE "AND IS APPOINTED
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BY EACH ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM EQUAL TO THAT OF THE ASSEMBLY."

7. TRAVEL NOTES (P.4):
--IN SECOND FULL PARA, REPLACE "A RECENTLY ENACTED" IN SECOND
SENTENCE BY "THE," AND "OTHER EXPENDITURES" IN LAST SENTENCE

BY "PURCHASES;"

--REPLACE PRESENT PARA ON HEALTH BY "HEALTH - ALTHOUGH NO
INOCULATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR TRAVELLERS COMING FROM THE U.S

OR EUROPE, IT IS ADVISABLE FOR ALL TRAVELLERS TO BE IMMUNIZED
AGAINST POLIO, AND TO HAVE HAD A RECENT GAMMA GLOBULIN
INJECTION."

8. PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS(P.5), SHOULD READ:

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE -NICOLAE
CEAUSESCU

PRIME MINISTER - MANEA MANESCU

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - GEORGE MACOESCU

MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE -ION PATAN

AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. -NICOLAE M. NICOLAE

AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. - ION DATCU

ROMANIA MAINTAINS AN EMBASSY IN THE UNITED STATES AT 1607

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9. POLITICAL CONDITIONS (P. 5):

SECOND PARA SHOULD READ: A GENERAL "DE-RUSSIFICATION" OF
THE COUNTRY BEGAN IN 1961 AS THE ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED
INCREASING INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE GROWTH OF PO-
LITICAL NATIONALISM HAS ALSO BEEN INTERMITTENTLY ACCOM-
PANIED BY SOME RELAXATION OF INTERNAL RESTRICTIONS, AS EVIDEN-
CED BY 1964 AND 1967 AMNESTIES WHICH RELEASED NEARLY ALL POL-
ITICAL PRISONERS AND REDUCED OR RESCINDED PRISON SENTENCES
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OF OTHERS, AND BY A DEGREE OF LIBERALITY TOWARD CULTURAL CREAT-
IVITY IN THE 1969-1971 PERIOD. SINCE 1964, ROMANIA HAS ALSO
PERMITTED A SHARP INCREASE IN CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE WEST
(ALTHOUGH THE LEVEL REMAINS LOW IN ABSOLUTE TERMS). HOWEVER,
THE EXTENSIVE POLICE AND INTERNAL SECURITY APPARATUS HAS MAIN-
TAINED A POWERFUL INFLUENCE ON ROMANIAN LIFE.

THIRD FULL PARA:

--LINES 2-3, REPLACE "HAS BEEN MET BY GROWING" BY "WAS MET
BY CONSIDERABLE;"

-- PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, DELETE "HAVE;"

--LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: "THE PARTY'S MEMBERSHIP ROSE IN
1965-77 FROM 1.3 MILLION TO OVER 2.4 MILLION, OR MORE THAN
10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION."

FOURTH PARA, SECOND SENTENCE, REPLACE "10" BY "13."

LAST PARA, FIRST SENTENCE, DELETE "ITS NEUTRALITY IN
THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE."

AFTER LAST PARA, ADD NEW PARA READING: "WHILE THE
GOVERNMENT'S INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY REMAINS POPULAR,
1977 ALSO WITNESSED IMPORTANT MANIFESTATIONS OF UNREST ON THE
DOMESTIC SCENE."

10. ECONOMY (00. 5-6):

FIRST PARA, DELETE SECOND SENTENCE "A CONSERVATIVE... IN 1968;"

SECOND PARA, PARENTHESIS IN LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ:

"(7.0 PERCENT ON 1976);"

FOURTH PARA, FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: " MOST OF THE INCREASE IN NATIONAL INCOME HAS COME FROM GROWTH OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION"

FIFTH PARA, ON AGRICULTURE, SHOULD BE REPLACED BY: "THE RELATIVE BACKWARDNESS OF AGRICULTURE AND THE LOW PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURAL LABOR, WHICH IS NOW PRIMARILY AGED AND FEMALE, CONTINUE TO BE SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FOR ROMANIA. ALTHOUGH THE VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT ROSE BY 17.2 PERCENT IN REAL TERMS IN 1976, IN 1977 OUTPUT REPORTEDLY FELL BY 1.3 PERCENT. THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR HAS RECENTLY BEEN RECEIVING GREATER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTENTION AS A VALUABLE SOURCE OF HARD CURRENCY EARNINGS, BUT ROMANIA'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REMAINS OVERWHELMINGLY FOCUSED ON HEAVY INDUSTRY."

SIXTH PARA, ON HEAVY INDUSTRY, SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY NEW SENTENCE READING "THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR PLAN (1976-80) ALSO PLACES HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, WHICH IS SLATED TO GROW AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 15 PERCENT."

IN SEVENTH PARA, ON LIGHT INDUSTRY, FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BEGIN "LIGHT INDUSTRY OCCUPIES A LESS IMPORTANT POSITION IN THE ECONOMY RELATIVE TO THE PREWAR YEARS WHEN ETC." BETWEEN PRESENT SEVENTH AND EIGHTH PARAS, INSERT NEW PARA READING "THE SEVERE EARTHQUAKE WHICH STRUCK ROMANIA ON MARCH 4, 1977, ALTHOUGH CAUSING DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$1-2 BILLION, DID NOT PREVENT INDUSTRIAL GROWTH FROM REGISTERING A 1977 INCREASE OF 12.5 PERCENT."

EIGHT PARA, INTRODUCING FOREIGN TRADE: REPLACE LAST SENTENCE "MANUFACTURES...\$3.74 BILLION," WITH NEW SENTENCES READING "IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT IN 1976 ROMANIA FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAME A NEW IMPORTER OF OIL. MANUFACTURES, INCLUDING A WIDE VARIETY OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, HAVE LATELY ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT ONE-QUARTER OF EXPORTS. IN 1977 IMPORTS AND EXPORTS WERE BALANCED AT \$7.02 BILLION EACH WAY."

REPLACE NINTH AND TENTH PARAS, ON FOREIGN TRADE, WITH THREE NEW PARAS:

--BEFORE WORLD WAR II LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH OF ROMANIA'S TRADE WAS WITH NATIONS THAT ARE NOW COMMUNIST, AND HALF OF THIS AMOUNT WAS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HOWEVER, DURING THE PERIOD 1947-1959 ANNUAL TRADE WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD REACHED AS HIGH AS 86 PERCENT. IN MORE RECENT TIMES ROMANIA HAS BEEN INCREASING ITS SHARE OF TRADE WITH NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. FROM 1959 TO 1969 THE NON-COMMUNIST SHARE OF ROMANIAN TRADE INCREASED THREE TO

FOUR TIMES FASTER THAN THAT OF COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, AND IN 1973,
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ROMANIA BECAME THE FIRST WARSAW PACT COUNTRY TO CONDUCT LESS
THAN HALF OF ITS TRADE WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS. IN 1976
ABOUT 53 PERCENT OF ROMANIA'S TRADE WAS WITH NON-COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES.

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--APPROXIMATELY 17-18 PERCENT OF ROMANIA'S TRADE IS WITH THE
SOVIET UNION, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SUPPLIER OF IRON ORE,
COKE AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS. ROMANIA'S SECOND LARGEST TRADING
PARTNER IS THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WHICH HELD AN 8
PERCENT SHARE OF ROMANIAN TRADE IN 1976. SINCE 1960 ROMANIA
HAS RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL CREDITS FROM WESTERN EUROPE. RO-
MANIA'S ECONOMIC NATIONALISM AND REFUSAL TO RESIGN ITSELF
TO A ROLE AS SUPPLIER OF UNFINISHED OR SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS
TO OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY CAUSES OF ITS
ESTRANGEMENTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

--ROMANIA HAS ALSO BEEN ATTACHING GREATER IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOP-
ING ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE THIRD WORLD FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL
AS POLITICAL REASONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNOUNCED POLICIES
THE THIRD WORLD'S SHARE OF ROMANIAN TRADE IS TO REACH ROUGHLY
25 PERCENT BY 1980, AS AGAINST SOME 20 PERCENT NOW.

11. FOREIGN RELATIONS (P. 6).

SECOND PARA SHOULD READ: SINCE 1964 ROMANIA HAS FRE-
QUENTLY TAKEN POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES MARKEDLY DIF-
FERENT FROM THOSE TAKEN BY THE SOVIET UNION. THESE HAVE IN-

CLUDED, AMONG MANY OTHERS; NEUTRALITY IN THE EARLY YEARS OF THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, AND CONTINUING PURSUIT OF GOOD STATE AND PARTY RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA; RECOGNITION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IN 1968; MAINTENANCE OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AFTER THE 1967 WAR, AND AN INDEPENDENT VIEW OF MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DURING THE 1967 AND 1973 WARS AND THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING PHASE; EARLY APPROACHES AND FORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET; INDEPENDENT POSITIONS IN WORLD COMMUNIST AFFAIRS; AN ACTIVE INDIVIDUAL ROLE BOTH IN THE UN AND IN THE CSCE PROCESS; AND, BEYOND GOOD RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBOR YUGOSLAVIA, PROMOTION OF BALKAN REGIONAL CO-OPERATION EFFORTS.

THIRD PARA, BEFORE FOURTH SENTENCE BEGINNING "THEY HAVE GIVEN," INSERT "AT THE 1976 CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, THEY WERE AMONG THE SUCCESSFUL PROPONENTS OF GENERAL RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF NATIONAL PARTIES, AND." ALSO DELETE LAST SENTENCE "THEIR FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER... GENERAL ASSEMBLY."

FOURTH PARA, REPLACE LAST SENTENCE WITH "ALTHOUGH A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT, ROMANIA HAS NOT PARTICIPATED WITH TROOPS IN PACT MANEUVERS ABROAD SINCE 1962, NOR PERMITTED SUCH MANEUVERS WITHIN ROMANIA SINCE 1964."

12. U.S.-ROMANIAN (SIC) RELATIONS (PP. 6-7). SHOULD READ:

--AFTER A 15-YEAR OF COOLNESS, THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA BEGAN TO IMPROVE THEIR RELATIONS IN 1960 WITH THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF AMERICAN PROPERTY CLAIMS. IN THE SAME YEAR, CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES WERE INITIATED, AND A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION, SIGNED IN 1974, HAS RESULTED IN A STEADY GROWTH OF CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION IN THESE FIELDS. IN AUGUST 1969 PRESIDENT NIXON PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA, THE FIRST BY A U.S. PRESIDENT TO EASTERN EUROPE SINCE WORLD WAR II. DURING THAT VISIT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.S. LIBRARY IN BUCHAREST, A ROMANIAN LIBRARY IN NEW YORK AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A U.S. BANK OFFICE IN BUCHAREST. THE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER IN BUCHAREST, OPENED IN 1972, CONTAINS A WELL-STOCKED LIBRARY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE AND REFERENCE MATERIALS, AND A THEATER

FOR CONCERTS, STAGE AND FILM SHOWINGS, AND LECTURES.

--IN 1964 THE LEGATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES WERE RAISED TO THE LEVEL OF EMBASSIES, AND HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND ROMANIAN LEADERS HAVE MULTIPLIED DESPITE CONTINUING POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S APRIL 1978 VISIT TO THE U.S. TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IS HIS FOURTH VISIT SINCE OCTOBER 1970. PRESIDENT FORD (IN 1975) AND SECRETARIES OF STATE ROGERS AND KISSINGER EACH VISITED BUCHAREST. ALSO IN 1975, THE ROMANIAN FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF EXCHANGED VISITS WITH THE U.S. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. HIGH-LEVEL VISITS HAVE ALSO INCLUDED TRIPS TO AMERICAN CABINET OFFICERS AND ROMANIAN MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND LEADERS IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

--HIGH LEVEL VISITS HAVE ALSO BEEN MARKED BY AGREEMENTS INTENDED TO EXPAND COOPERATION AND PROVIDE MECHANISMS FOR THE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN 1972, SECRETARY GOERS SIGNED A CONSULAR CONVENTION TO FACILITATE THE PROTECTION OF CITIZENS AND THEIR PROPERTY IN BOTH COUNTRIES; IN THE SAME YEAR, OPIC FACILITIES WERE GRANTED, AND ROMANIA BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK CREDITS. THE JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY PRESIDENTS NIXON AND CEAUSESCU IN DECEMBER 1973 GAVE RISE, IN TURN, TO THE SIGNING IN APRIL 1975 OF A TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD IN AUGUST OF THAT YEAR. ALSO, IN 1975 ROMANIA WAS ACCORDED MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS, AS THE ONLY EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY TO RECEIVE THIS TREATMENT UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION 402 OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1974. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. EMIGRATION REMAINS A RELATED ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND A DIALOGUE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF DUAL NATIONALS, BI-NATIONAL MARRIAGE CASES AND REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. APPROXIMATELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1,200-1,500 ROMANIANS EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR.

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE 1970'S-- MAJOR FLOODING AS WELL AS THE EARTHQUAKE OF 1977--ASSISTANCE FROM PRIVATE AMERICANS AND FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING A \$20 MILLION GRANT FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF LAST YEAR) HAS BEEN A POSITIVE FACTOR IN U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS.

13. PRINCIPAL U.S. OFFICIALS:

AMBASSADOR - O. RUDOLPH AGGREY
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COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURE- NORIS D. GARNETT
POLITICAL AFFAIRS COUNSELOR - JOHN B. TIPTON
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COUNSELOR - IRVING L. SANDERS
DEFENSE ATTACHE - COL. RICHARD J. WOMACK

AIR ATTACHE - LT. COL. DAVID B. HALL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATTACHE - JAY H. BLOWERS
CONSUL - LUCIANA MANGIAFICO
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